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SUBJ: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATY

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER ROVIRA CALLED ME LATE LAST EVENING (AUGUST 23), FOLLOWING A MEETING HE HAD WITH PRESIDENT MENDEZ, TO REITERATE TO ME THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS FAVORABLY INCLINED TO WITNESS THE SIGNING. HE ADDED THAT MENDEZ WANTS TO CONFER WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COLLEAGUES BEFORE MAKING A COMMITMENT. ROVIRA SUGGESTED THAT ADVANTAGE BE TAKEN OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTS TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON SOME ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN. I GATHERED FROM HIS STATEMENT THAT MENDEZ IS NOT SEEKING A BILATERAL BUT RATHER A GROUP DISCUSSION. ROVIRA INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR HIS PRESIDENT AND PERHAPS OTHERS IN LATIN AMERICA TO ACCEPT SUCH AN INVITATION IF IT WERE COMBINED WITH DISCUSSIONS.

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION ON THE REACTION OF OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES SO I CAN KEEP THE GOU INFORMED.

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3. THIS MORNING'S PRESS CARRIED AN AP STORY OUT OF BOGOTA WHICH QUOTED FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES TO THE EFFECT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD INVITED ALL THE PRESIDENTS IN LATIN AMERICA TO BE WITNESS TO THE SIGNING OF A NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY. THE GOU FOREIGN OFFICE TOLD THE PRESS IT DID NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE MATTER. THE EMBASSY

WAS NOT CONTACTED BUT I ASSUME IT WILL BE EARLY TODAY.
I WOULD LIKE IMMEDIATE GUIDANCE ON HOW TO HANDLE PRESS
QUERIES. IF THE FOREIGN OFFICE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT WE HAVE
APPROACHED THEM, WHICH IS LIKELY, I WOULD LIKE TO BE IN
A POSITION OF CONFIRMING THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED
WITH THE GOU -- AND TO GO NO FURTHER.
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